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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Katsunori Matsuoka  
Serial No.: 09/814,428  
Filed: March 21, 2001  
Group No.: 3747  
Examiner: Unknown  
Title: CATALYST CARRIER FOR EXHAUST GAS  
PURIFICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING SAME

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**THIRD REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Applicant respectfully inquires about the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicant filed a Second Status Request with the PTO on August 5, 2003. In reply to the Second Status Request, the PTO issued a Status Letter Reply dated September 20, 2003 that indicated the application would be examined in April 2004. However, that time frame has now passed and, to date, Applicant has not received any communication on the merits. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests notice of when the first Office Action on the merits will be issued.

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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